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Associated Enterprises, Inc., and
Johnston Fuel Liners,
Appellants,
v.
Toltec Watershed Improvement
District.

On Appeal from the
Supreme Court of
Wyoming.

[February —, 1973]

PER CURIAM.

In this case we are confronted with an issue similar to the one determined today in *Salyer Land Company v. Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District*, — U. S. —. Appellee Toltec Watershed Improvement District was established after referendum held pursuant to Wyoming's Watershed Improvement District Act, Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 41-354.1 to 41-354.26. After formation, appellee sought a right of entry onto lands owned by appellant Associated Enterprises, Inc., and leased by Johnston Fuel Liners for the purpose of carrying out studies to determine the feasibility of constructing a dam and reservoir. When Associated resisted, the district sought to enforce its right in state court. Arguing that the statutes authorizing the referendum violated the Equal Protection Clause since under § 41-354.9 only landowners are entitled to vote and under § 41-354.10, a watershed improvement district cannot be determined to be administratively practicable and feasible unless a majority of the votes cast, representing a majority of the acreage in the district, favor its creation, appellants maintained